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SUBJ: COCOM LIST REVIEW, ROUND FOUR

1. ON SEPTEMBER 3 FONOFF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRGEN NOMURA CALLED IN E/C COUNS TO DISCUSS JAPANESE POSITION ON ROUND FOUR DISCUSSIONS OF COCOM LIST REVIEW. NOMURA HANDED OVER AIDE MEMOIRE AND EXPLAINED THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT APPRECIATES USG COOPERATION ON COCOM PROBLEMS SO FAR BUT IS EXPERIENCING FRUSTRATION BECAUSE OF DELAY IN COMPLETING THE CURRENT COCOM LIST REVIEW WHICH BEGAN IN 1974. NOMURA SAID HE RECOGNIZES THAT THE U S MUST CONSIDER ITS POSITION FULLY AT THE INTER-AGENCY LEVEL IN WASHINGTON. NEVERTHELESS, THE GOJ IS ANXIOUS TO FINISH THE REVIEW, ESPECIALLY TWENTY-FIVE COCOM LIST ITEMS ON WHICH JAPANESE PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE ARE OUTSTANDING. HE SAID GOJ HAS DECIDED TO SUPPORT THE UNITED KINGDOM REPRESENTATIONS WHICH HE UNDERSTANDS BEING MADE IN FAVOR OF EARLY ACTION. GOJ DESIRES TO HAVE THE FOURTH AND FINAL ROUND MEETING IN OCTOBER, OR NOVEMBER AT THE LATEST.

2. WE ASKED NOMURA WHETHER HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF QUESTIONS REGARDING COCOM BEING RAISED IN
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DIET SESSION BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 11. HE SAID GOJ

HAD TRADITIONALLY AVOIDED PUBLICIZING COCOM AND JAPANESE ROLE IN IT, BUT HE IS INCREASINGLY CONCERNED THAT JAPANESE EXPORTERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH EXPORT APPLICATIONS PENDING, WILL GO TO MEMBERS OF THE DIET OR TAKE OTHER ACTION TO PUBLICIZE THEIR PROBLEMS. HIS OBJECTIVE SEEMS TO BE TO MINIMIZE THE GOJ EXPOSURE TO CRITICISM REGARDING COCOM. WHILE HE APPARENTLY DOES NOT EXPECT TO GET FULL SATISFACTION ON EVERY ITEM RAISED BY THE GOJ DELEGATION, HE OBVIOUSLY WANTS TO ESTABLISH A RECORD OF ACTION AND PROGRESS.

3. NOMURA DID NOT ASK FOR ANY SPECIFIC RESPONSE TO THE AIDE MEMOIRE, NOR DID WE PROMISE AN ANSWER. HOWEVER, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON A RESPONSE WHICH CAN BE GIVEN TO NOMURA.

4. TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE SETTING OUT FOREGOING POINTS BEING POUCH TO EB/EWT.
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